

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

Call to Order: Chairman Ray Hawk, on February 5, 2009 at 9:00
A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray Hawk, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Brent Doig, OBPP
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Montana Judiciary

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00:00:01 Chairman Hawk
00:03:28 Chief Justice Mike McGrath
00:23:33 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:27:14 Chairman Hawk
00:27:27 Ms. Gervais
00:37:27 Chairman Hawk
00:38:08 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator

EXHIBIT(jch27a01)

00:46:33 Rep. Nooney
00:46:56 Ms. Menzies
00:50:36 Sen. Bales
00:50:54 Ms. Menzies
00:52:16 Sen. Bales
00:52:28 Ms. Menzies
00:55:23 Chairman Hawk
00:55:36 Ms. Menzies
00:57:55 Chairman Hawk
00:58:16 Ms. Gervais
00:58:47 Ms. Menzies
01:04:29 Ms. Gervais

EXHIBIT(jch27a02)

01:08:06 Rep. Hiner
01:08:15 Ms. Gervais
01:09:13 Rep. Hiner
01:09:26 Ms. Gervais
01:09:31 Rep. Hiner
01:10:07 Ms. Gervais
01:11:10 Chairman Hawk
01:11:31 Ms. Menzies
01:11:35 Chairman Hawk
01:11:52 Ms. Gervais
01:12:58 Chairman Hawk
01:13:12 Ms. Menzies

ELECTED OFFICIALS PROPOSALS

Drug Courts

01:14:31 Ms. Menzies
01:20:56 Ms. Gervais
01:21:23 Ms. Menzies

EXHIBIT(jch27a03)

Supreme Court Operations

01:32:43 Ms. Menzies

DP 1005 Indigent Victims of Domestic Violence

01:33:16 Ms. Menzies

DP 1008 Rent For Park Avenue Building

01:35:08 Ms. Menzies

DP 1010 ITSD Fixed Costs Present Law Adjustment

01:35:58 Ms. Menzies

01:36:37 Brent Doig, OBPP

EXHIBIT(jch27a04)

01:37:33 Rep. Hiner

01:37:37 Mr. Doig

01:38:01 Chairman Hawk

01:38:05 Mr. Doig

01:38:51 Rep. Getz

01:38:59 Mr. Doig

01:39:15 Rep. Getz

01:39:22 Mr. Doig

01:39:24 Sen. Bales

01:40:06 Mr. Doig

01:40:40 Ms. Menzies

DP 1001 Appellate Mediator

01:41:03 Ms. Menzies

01:45:22 Sen. Bales

01:46:06 Ms. Menzies

01:46:27 Chairman Hawk

01:46:35 Rep. Getz

01:46:52 Ms. Menzies

01:47:23 Rep. Getz

01:47:32 Ms. Menzies

DP 1006 Self Help Law Program

01:49:01 Ms. Menzies

01:53:06 Rep. Getz

01:53:27 Ms. Menzies

01:57:02 Chairman Hawk

**Elected Officials Request to Provide Court Appointed
Pro Bono Coordinator**

01:57:17 Ms. Menzies

Board and Commissions

02:02:34 Ms. Menzies

DP 2001 Judicial Standards Commission

02:03:24 Ms. Menzies

DP 2002 State Special Spending Authority for Judge's Training

02:04:13 Ms. Menzies

Law Library

02:05:25 Judy Meadows, State Law Librarian

District Court Operations

DP 4003 Youth Probation Fees Spending Authority Increase

02:07:40 Ms. Menzies

DP 4004 State Special Authority for Accrued Leave Payouts

02:09:02 Ms. Menzies

DP 4005 Call in Retired Judges

02:09:51 Ms. Menzies

DP 4001 Minimum Staffing for District Court Judges

02:11:34 Ms. Menzies

02:13:07 Chairman Hawk

02:13:21 Ms. Menzies

Water Courts

02:14:48 Bruce Loble, Chief Water Judge

[EXHIBIT\(jch27a05\)](#)

DP 5001 Water Court Rent Increase

02:26:03 Judge Loble

DP 5002 Expand Office Space

02:26:42 Judge Loble

02:28:42 Chairman Hawk

CLERK OF COURT

02:29:20 Ed Smith, Clerk of Montana Supreme Court

[EXHIBIT\(jch27a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jch27a07\)](#)

02:34:35 Ms. Gervais

02:43:58 Chairman Hawk

ADJOURNMENT

02:49: 18 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jch27aad.pdf](#))